IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

| RONALD E. BLAKE, |) |
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| Petitioner/Defendant, |) |
| |) CIVIL NO. 10-628-GPM |
| vs. |) |
| |) CRIMINAL NO. 02-30086-GPM |
| UNITED STATES of AMERICA, |) |
| |) |
| Respondent/Plaintiff. |) |

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

MURPHY, District Judge:

Petitioner was found guilty, after a jury trial, of distributing cocaine base in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B). After several rounds in the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Petitioner ultimately was sentenced to 168 months imprisonment followed by 8 years of supervised release. This matter currently is before the Court on Petitioner's motion for relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

In his § 2255 motion, Petitioner asserts that both his trial counsel and his appellate counsel provided him ineffective assistance. Additionally, Petitioner asserts that his sentence was imposed in violation of due process.

The Court **ORDERS** the Government to f ile a response to Petitioner's motion within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** of the date of this Order. The Government shall, as part of its response, attach all relevant portions of the record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 09/16/10

s/ **G. Patrick Murphy**G. PATRICK MURPHY
United States District Judge